

~~Patent claims~~ I claim:

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1. A closure member (1) for an installation opening (4) in a housing (2), in particular in a shift mechanism (3) for bicycles, made of rubber-elastic material, characterized in
5 that the closure member (1) has an extension (6) that extends into the interior of the housing (2) and can be connected to the housing (2) by means of an assembled joint.

10 2. The closure member as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the housing (2) has a holding member (5) that positions the extension (6) in the housing (2).

15 3. The closure member as claimed in claim 1 or 2,
characterized in that the extension (6) has a thickened portion (7) that holds the extension (6) in its position on the holding member (5), even under tensile loading stemming from the closure member (1).

sub *ap 20* 4. The closure member as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3,
characterized in that the closure member (1) has a molded recess (8) that enables the closure member (1) to be opened like a hinge.

25 5. The closure member as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4,
characterized in that the closure member (1) has an upper lip

(9) that comes to rest over the edge of the installation opening (4).

6. The closure member as claimed in one of claims 1 to 5,
5 characterized in that the closure member (1) has a lower lip
(10) at least at the point furthest away from the extension
(6), said lower lip sliding under the edge of the installation opening (4) after the closure of the installation opening (4)
by the closure member (1).

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7. The closure member as claimed in one of claims 1 to 6,
characterized in that the edge of the installation opening (4)
in a housing (2a) has an offset (12) on which an upper lip
(12a) of a closure member (1a) can be placed so that the
15 latter can be arranged in a recessed manner on the shift mechanism (3).